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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 25, 1888. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1. or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balance.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a month, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 754

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE HAVE CLOSED THE FOCHOW BRANCH of our Firm on the 31st ultimo, and transferred our Business at that port to Mr. GUSTAV SIEMSEN.
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, January 28, 1888.

I HAVE THIS DAY ESTABLISHED MYSELF at the port as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT under the Name and Style of G. SIEMSEN.
Foohow, January 1, 1888. 149

NOTICE.

MR. M. GROTE has THIS DAY been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.
CHATER & VERNON.
Hongkong, January 1, 1888. 5

NOTICE.

WE HAVE THIS DAY authorized Mr. DAVID AARON GUBBAY to Sign the Name of our Firm in HONGKONG and CHINA.
E. D. SASSOON & Co.
Hongkong, February 14, 1888. 234

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of the late RICHARD VON OAR. LOWITZ and his heirs in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December, 1887.

OARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, January 21, 1888. 112

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

EXCURSION TO MACAO AND BACK.

WEATHER permitting, the Steamship HONAM will leave HONGKONG on SUNDAY, the 19th Instant, at 8.30 a.m., returning from Macao at 9 p.m. First-class Fare to Macao and Back, \$2. No Second-class or Single Fares. Chinese Servants, 50 cents each way. No Chits will be taken.
Refreshments will be supplied on Board, but no Meals.
Tickets may be obtained at the Company's Office.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. HENDERSON, Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, February 16, 1888. 242

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1888.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, the 22nd, 23rd and 24th February.

Rule 15.—ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE for MEMBERS of JOCKEY CLUB, Free; for Non-Members, \$5 for the day.
For Admission to the NEW STAND, \$3 for the Meeting.
Rule 16.—TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE to be had on application to the E. W. RUTTER, Esq., Hon. Treasurer, and at the Gate on Race Days. No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Gate-keeper.

H. J. H. TRIPP, Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, February 14, 1888. 237

ANDREW JOHNSTON, Clerk of the Course.
MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

PLANS and ESTIMATES prepared for LIGHT DRAGON STEAMERS, STEAM LAUNCHES, MARINE ENGINES and BOILERS, and all other kinds of MACHINERY.
A List of Steamers FOR SALE always on hand.

The Address is above.
Hongkong, January 4, 1888. 21

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Nineteenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, Pedder's Street, on MONDAY, the 20th February instant, at 12 o'clock (noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1887, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 20th day of February inst., both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.

Hongkong, February 1, 1888. 177

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 25th day of February current, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1887.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 2, 1888. 182

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the 11th (SATURDAY) to the 25th day of February current (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 2, 1888. 183

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be Held in the Offices of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 27th February instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1887, and considering the expediency of increasing the number of the Directors of the Company to Nine.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 27th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
DAVID GILLIES, Secretary.
Hongkong, February 9, 1888. 217

J. D. KILEY, SAIL-MAKER.

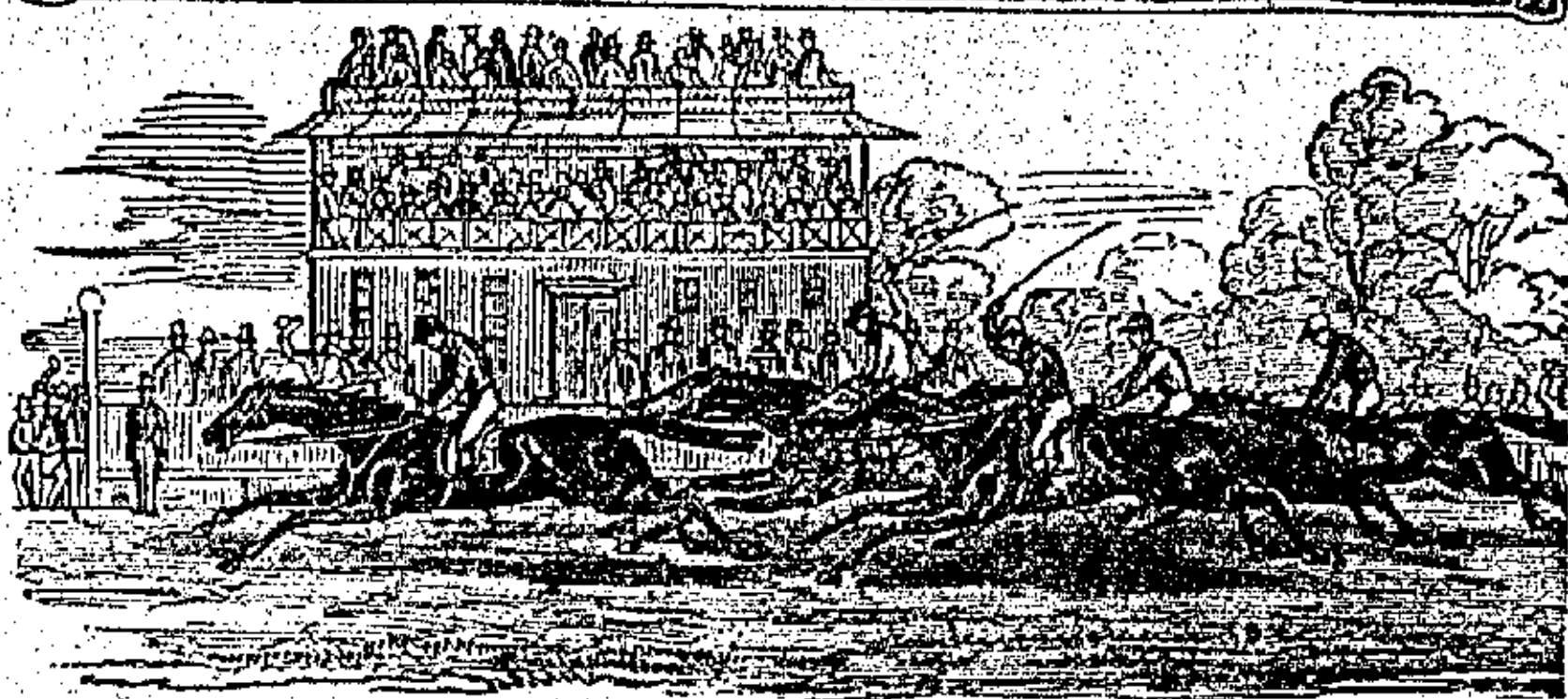
TENTS, AWNINGS AND FLAGS.

No. 23, Praya Central, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, November 1, 1887. 2135

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.



HAVE NOW RECEIVED THEIR NEW STOCK OF
FELT HATS AND RACE SCARVES.
SADDLERY
AND
RACING SUNDRIES, of all kinds.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, February 14, 1888. 231

W. POWELL & Co.

LADIES AND CHILDREN'S WARM CLOTHING.
CASHMERE AND MERINO VESTS.
CASHMERE AND MERINO COMBINATIONS.
CASHMERE HOSE, all sizes and colours.
KNITTED WOOL PATICOATS.
WOOL SHIRTS AND JACKETS.
WOOL SHIRTS AND HOODS.
KNITTED GAITHERS AND BOOTS.
WOOL HATS AND TIE SHIRTS.
(P. E. B. H. O. N. E. 21).
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, December 28, 1887. 2522

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,
QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

NEW WINTER GOODS.

LAMB'S WOOL and SHETLAND WOOL UNDERVESTS and PANTS, CARDIGAN JACKETS, Hand KNIT HOSE and 1/2 HOSE, CASHMERE MERINO and SILK 1/2 HOSE. BOOTS and SHOES from the best manufacturers. DRAB CLOTH SPATS. KID and WOOL-LINED GLOVES. TRAVELLING BAGS and SCOTCH PLAIDS. OVERLAND TRUNKS, PORTMANTEAUS and HAND-BAGS, &c.

TAILORING.—OVER-COATINGS, SUITING, AND TROUSERS in large Variety of Materials.

Hongkong, January 3, 1888. 11

STAG HOTEL,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

J. COOK, Proprietor.

THE HOTEL IS CENTRALLY SITUATED AND WITHIN A FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM THE PRINCIPAL LANDING PLACES.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINE, SPIRITS and MALT LIQUORS of the VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 607

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place. The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large Dining Hall.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, BILLIARD and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Nineteenth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, at Three o'clock in the afternoon of TUESDAY, the 21st February instant, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1887.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGETRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1888. 170

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,

Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NATURAL SCIENTIFIC and METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOYAGEUR'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES.

RIVER'S LIQUID and OTHER COMPASSES.

ADMIRALTY and TRAVEL CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English Silver and Electro-Plated Ware, Chromo & Co's. Electro-Plated Ware, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY, in great variety.

DIAMONDS—AND—DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices.

Hongkong, January 12, 1888. 60

Intimations.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1165.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the PERSEVERANCE HALL, Zealand Street, on THURSDAY, the 16th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. VISITING BROTHERS are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, February 16, 1888. 232

CATHAY CHAPTER, No. 1165.

An Emergency CONVOCAION of the above CHAPTER will be held in the PERSEVERANCE HALL, Zealand Street, on SATURDAY, the 18th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. VISITING BROTHERS are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, February 14, 1888. 235

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS DISCHARGING BOMBAY COTTON and COTTON YARN at the KOWLOON WHARVES will have FREE STORAGE for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent of 3 CENTS per bale per month will be charged.

ISAAC HUGHES, Secretary.
Hongkong, November 7, 1887. 2148

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co's CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts.—\$20 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints.—\$21 " " 2 "

Dubos Fines & de Gernon & Co's BORDEAUX CLARETS and WHITE WINES.

Baxier's Celebrated "Barley Bree" WHISKY.—\$7 1/2 per Case of 1 doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

FOR SALE.

JUST ARRIVED ex Manila. ABOUT 30,000 Cans of FINE MANILA HARD WOOD.

Apply to REMEDIOS & Co.,
Hongkong, January 9, 1888. 53

NOW READY.

CANTONESE MADE EASY: 2nd Edition, ENLARGED AND AMENDED, J. DYER BALL.

Price, ———— \$3.

Other Books by the same Author.

"THE CANTONESE MADE EASY VOCABULARY," \$1.

"EASY SENTENCES IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT, WITH A VOCABULARY," \$2.

"AN ENGLISH-CANTONESE POCKET VOCABULARY," \$0.75.

"BEST SENTENCES IN THE HAKKA DIALECT, WITH A VOCABULARY," \$1.

FOR SALE at Messrs KELLY & WALSH'S, W. W. BREWSTER, and LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s.

Hongkong, January 17, 1888. 88

RAIL PROGRAMMES FOR SALE.

IN NEW SHEDS AND PATTERNS.

"CHINA MAIL" OFFICE, 2 WYNDHAM STREET.

January 20, 1888.

To Let.

ROOMS in "COLLEGE CHAMBERS."

GODOWN in ICE HOUSE LANE, lately occupied by Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, from the 1st May.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Hongkong, February 3, 1888. 604

TO BE LET.

UNFURNISHED WITH TENNIS COURT.

No. 5, RICHMOND TERRACE, a FOUR ROOMED HOUSE, with Three Bath Rooms.

No. 6, RICHMOND TERRACE, a SIX ROOMED HOUSE, with Three Bath Rooms.

A NEW STORY has just been added to the Servants' Quarters of both houses.

Apply to JOHN WILLIAMS, Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, January 27, 1888. 142

TO BE LET.

(With Immediate Possession.)

TWO DESIRABLE RESIDENCES situated in Causeway Road, West end Terrace opposite to Rose Villa.

Apply to No. 14, CAINE ROAD.

Hongkong, October 31, 1887. 2130

TO LET.

(Immediate Possession.)

HOUSE No. 1, "Bala's Court," Bonham Road.

Apply to BELLIOS & Co.,
Hongkong, February 14, 1888. 235

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 20th day of February, 1888, at 2.30 p.m., are published for general information.

The Co.'s Steamship, Captain HANNAH, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 14, 1888. 236

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Co.'s Steamship, Commandant BRETEL, expected here on or about FRIDAY, the 17th Instant, will be despatched for the above Ports, shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, February 14, 1888. 236

THE GIBB LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW CHWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The British Steamer, Captain Hoco, due on the 19th Instant, will be despatched above on SATURDAY, the 25th Instant, at 4 p.m.

Attention is directed to the Steamer's comfortable Saloon and State Rooms, affording excellent Accommodation for First-class Passengers.

Fare to Sydney or Melbourne, \$150.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Managers.

Hongkong, February 15, 1888. 238

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship, Captain J. D. C. ANTHUR, Com-mander, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 28th Proximo, at 4 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloons and Cabins are situated forward of the Engines. Second Class Passengers are berthed in the Peep A Bo. Refreshing Chamber ensures the supply of Refreshments during the entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 11, 1888. 222

Notices to Consignees.

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM SOERABAYA, SAMARANG, BATAVIA, SINGAPORE AND SAIGON.

THE Steamship Olohe, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN Co., Ltd., at West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 22nd Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 15, 1888. 241

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM SOERABAYA, SAMARANG, BATAVIA, SINGAPORE AND SAIGON.

THE Steamship Bantam, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON

Notices to Consignees.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. CARDIGANSHIRE, FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 16th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 16th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, the 16th instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 10, 1898. 218

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Arratoon* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY'S WEST POINT GODOWNS, whence delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after 16th instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are hereby informed, that all Claims must be made immediately, as no time will be entertained after the 16th instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 10, 1898. 219

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

THE MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY WILL GIVE A THIRD PERFORMANCE (By Special Request) of

GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S OPERETTA 'THE SORCERER' ON SATURDAY.

25th February, at 9 o'clock p.m.

PROCEEDS TO BE DEVOTED TO LOCAL CHARITIES.

Tickets may be had and places secured as usual at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, on and after Monday, 20th instant. Price, \$2 each.

R. LYALL, Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 16, 1898. 247

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship *Bantam*, Capt. SCHOLLEN, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 10th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 16, 1898. 245

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship *Thales*, Capt. HUNTER, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 19th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 16, 1898. 246

FOR BANGKOK (DIRECT).

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer *Montagu*, Capt. G. ANDERSON, will be despatched for the above Port on SUNDAY, the 19th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

YUEN PAT HONG, Agents.

Hongkong, February 16, 1898. 249

BANK HOLIDAYS.

HONGKONG RACES.

Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at Noon on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 22nd, 23rd and 24th instant.

For the 'Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,'

JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the 'Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,'

J. ARRANGER, Acting Agent.

For the New 'Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited,'

E. W. RUTTER, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 16, 1898. 248

To-day's Advertisements.

1898 MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN CHINA.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL MEETING.

THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING (being the Fiftieth Anniversary) of this SOCIETY will be held in CANTON at the House of Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., on TUESDAY, February 21st, at 2 o'clock p.m.

J. M. SWAN, Secretary.

Canton, 16th February, 1898. 250

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ALLIE ROWS, Hawaiian brig, Captain J. Phillips. Viceroy & Co.

B. P. CHENEY, American ship, Captain Hughes. Douglas, Laprak & Co.

BYLGA, German barque, Capt. P. Weiss. Wiener & Co.

CENTENNIAL, American ship, Captain I. M. Beare. Russell & Co.

DOROTHY, German barque, Capt. H. T. Moller. Siemens & Co.

EMER, British barque, Capt. W. Summers. Order.

MANUEL, Spanish barque, Capt. Estival. Remedios & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVAL.

February 15, 1898.

Cheong Hock Kian, British steamer, 929, F. Webb, Singapore February 8, General.

BUN HIN CHAN.

Kwongning, British steamer, 890, T. H. Sellar, Hongkong February 8, Rice. J. J. DINE, MATHESON & Co.

February 16:

Triton, German str., 1,142, A. Bleichen, Saigon February 11, Rice. E. SCHULZ, MATHESON & Co.

Crusader, British steamer, 647, J. Ogston, Saigon February 11, Rice and Paddy. SOY SIN.

Camelot, British steamer, 1,040, J. Daily, Singapore Saigon February 11, Rice. ORDER.

Norden, Norwegian steamer, 1,367, G. Nielsen, Nagasaki February 11, Coal. MITSUBISHI KAISHA.

Sin Nanning, British steamer, 714, Waddell, Wuhu February 10, Rice. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Yikang, British steamer, 886, Leck, Bangkok February 9, General. CHINESE.

DEPARTURES.

February 16:

Orizaba, for Singapore and London. Namsa, for Coast Port.

China, for Saigon.

Fero, for Saigon.

Seochow, for Hoihow and Pakhoi.

Dallaora, for Europe.

Formosa, for Amoy and Tamsui.

Arratoon, for Singapore and Calcutta.

PASSENGERS.

Per *Cheong Hock Kian*, from Singapore, 2 Engineers, 1 seaman, and 120 Chinese.

Per *Kwongning*, from Bangkok, 10 Chinese.

Per *Yikang*, from Bangkok, 2 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Bullaarat*, from Hongkong: for Calcutta, Messrs E. A. M. and A. E. Schmidt; for Bombay, Mr. J. C. Hanbury; for London, Rev. and Mr. G. Smith and 3 children, and Mr. G. S. Williams.

Per *Seochow*, for Hoihow, 2 Chinese.

Per *Formosa*, for Amoy, 2 Europeans, and 40 Chinese.

Per *Arratoon*, for Singapore, 2 Europeans, and 40 Chinese.

Per *Namsa*, for Swatow, Mr. and Mrs. Fang Po Shun, and Mr. Rang Hin Chow; for Foochow, Mrs. Uren.

TO DEPART.

Per *Marie*, for Saigon, 10 Chinese.

Per *Atavia*, for Hoihow, 60 Chinese.

Per *Clara*, for Hoihow, 25 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Cheong Hock Kian* reports: Left Saigon on the 8th inst., had fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Kwongning* reports: Had fine weather till the morning of the 5th inst., when strong N.E. winds and heavy sea.

The German steamer *Triton* reports: On the 14th February, spoke American man-of-war G. O. F., lat. 18° N. and long. 111° E.

The British steamer *Crusader* reports: Had light S.E. and southerly winds, and smooth sea till the 15th inst.; thence moderate breeze and heavy N.E. swell till arrival.

The British steamer *Camelot* reports: Left Saigon at noon, the 11th inst., Cape St. James at 7 p.m., had light Easterly winds and fine weather to 20° N.; thence to the Ladrones brist breeze and thick rain, with head sea; thence to port thick fog, arrived at 10 a.m., on the 16th inst.

The British steamer *Sin Nanning* reports: Had light to strong winds with heavy falls of snow to Wooming, moderate winds and thick weather to Tongying, strong winds and thick misty weather to Hsienan Island, head gale and thick rainy weather to Chupel Island, afterwards light winds and thick weather to port.

The British steamer *Yikang* reports: Had fine weather with heavy N.E. swell. Foggy off the port.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

For SAIGON.—Per *Marie*, at 9.30 a.m., on Friday, the 17th inst.

For SWATOW & AMOY.—Per *Cheong Hock Kian*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 17th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—Per *Yikang*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 17th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—Per *Triton*, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 17th inst., instead of as previously notified.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.

Vessel.

Agent.

Date of Loading.

Amoy.....Bantam (s).....Schollen.....Jardine, Matheson & Co.....Feb. 10, at daylight.

Bangkok.....Mongkut (s).....Geo. Anderson.....Yuen Fat Hong.....Feb. 10, at daylight.

Bremen, and Ports of Call.....Braunschweig (s).....Bodeker.....Norddeutscher Lloyd.....Feb. 10, at 4 p.m.

Havre, and via Suez Canal.....Daphne (s).....J. Voss.....Siemens & Co.....Feb. 10, at 10 a.m.

London, via Suez Canal.....Daphne (s).....J. Voss.....Siemens & Co.....Feb. 10, at 10 a.m.

Marseilles, and Ports of Call.....Daphne (s).....J. Voss.....Siemens & Co.....Feb. 10, at 10 a.m.

Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.....Thibet (s).....J. Voss.....Siemens & Co.....Feb. 10, at 10 a.m.

Port Darwin, &c.....Chingtu (s).....J. D. C. Arthur.....Butterfield & Swire.....Feb. 18, at daylight.

San Francisco, via Yokohama.....Oceanic (s).....J. D. C. Arthur.....Butterfield & Swire.....Feb. 18, at daylight.

San Francisco, via Yokohama.....City of Rio de Janeiro (s).....J. D. C. Arthur.....Butterfield & Swire.....Feb. 18, at daylight.

Shanghai.....Yangtze (s).....Starling.....Siemens & Co.....Feb. 17, at noon.

Shanghai.....Glacius (s).....Hannah.....Butterfield & Swire.....Feb. 17, at noon.

Shanghai, via Swatow.....Fechill (s).....Bigley.....Butterfield & Swire.....Feb. 18, at 4 p.m.

Shanghai, via Amoy.....Dionet (s).....Bretel.....Messageries Maritimes.....Feb. 20, at daylight.

Shanghai, via Amoy and Yokohama.....Thales (s).....Hunter.....Douglas Larraik & Co.....Feb. 19, at daylight.

Swatow, Amoy and Taiwanfoo.....Thales (s).....Hunter.....Douglas Larraik & Co.....Feb. 19, at daylight.

Vancouver (B.C.), via Yokohama.....Batavia (s).....Watson.....Adamson, Ball & Co.....Feb. 25, at 3 p.m.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

For BANGKOK.—Per *Cheong Hock Kian*, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 18th inst.

For SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.—Per *Marie*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 18th inst.

For SWATOW & SHANGHAI.—Per *Yikang*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 18th inst.

For AMOY.—Per *Bantam*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 18th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.—Per *Yikang*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 18th inst.

For SINGAPORE.—Per *Dallaora*, at 9.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 21st inst.

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET.

The German Contract Packet *Brinschwag* will be despatched on MONDAY, the 20th inst., with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, via Brindisi, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, &c., &c.

The Mail will be closed at 3 p.m. Late Letters to 3.30.

Correspondence should be marked P.M. (German Mail), or with the name of the Packet.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Yankee* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd inst., with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, via Suez, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, the Australian Colonies, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Mauritius, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Oceanic* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:

10 a.m. Registry closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

HOURS OF CLOSING.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the French Contract Packet:

Day before departure, 5 p.m. Money Order Office closes.

For Office closes, except the N.Y. Box, which is always open out of Office hours.

Day of departure, 7 a.m. Post Office opens.

10 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.30 a.m. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 a.m. Mail closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m. Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until 11.30 a.m.

11.30 a.m. When the Post Office closes entirely.

11.40 a.m. Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—Yangtze leaves for Shanghai.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, February 16—9 p.m.—Convocation of Cathay Chapter.

SUNDAY, February 17—8.30 a.m.—Excursion trip by Honam to Macao.

MONDAY, February 20—Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's office, Pedder's Street.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Mongkok, Kowloon.

Goods per *Clara* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, February 21—3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at No. 45, Queen's Road.

WEDNESDAY, February 22—Noon.—Local Banks close.

Hongkong Races.

Goods per *Celebes* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, February 23—Noon.—Local Banks close.

Hongkong Races.

FRIDAY, February 24—Noon.—Local Banks close.

Hongkong Races.

SATURDAY, February 25—Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at the City Hall.

9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

MONDAY, February 27—3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at No. 14, Praya Central.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1898.

ONE whimsical and sometimes erratic contributor, who writes over the signature of 'Brownie,' made reference the other day to the amount of regard which the Government appeared to give to the recommendations put forward by Commissions. The particular Commission to which he referred was that which sat to consider the various phases of the Land Question in Hongkong, and, after much trouble and a vast deal of labour, produced a Report which ought to exercise great influence over the administration of the Island. Sir George Phillip, the Chief Justice, who was the Chairman of this Commission, threw himself heart and soul into its labours, and then, unfortunately for the Colony, left on leave. Public affairs seem to be now dealt with as if this Report had never been made or its cost incurred and paid. Another smaller Report was published on the 17th of September last, which emanated from a Committee which sat to consider the condition of interpretation in the Colony. That report was signed by the following gentlemen:—Hon. E. J. Acland (Chairman), Hon. A. P. MacEwen, Dr. J. Chalmers, and Dr. E. J. Eitel. As we stated at the time when it appeared, it did not pretend to be an exhaustive treatment of the question; but it contained many suggestions which, if followed out, must in time have led to very satisfactory results. Its tendency, however, was to lead the Government away from its almost exclusive adherence to the Cadet system, for the only recognised and covenanted mode of filling the coveted offices in the Colonial Service here. From the very first we have advocated the Cadet system—although, for many years, it has been carried away from its original purpose; viz., that of supplying interpreters, as well as Chinese-speaking officials, for the

